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| For: "Assembled Implant"   | July 11, 2006   |
| Group Art Unit: 3738       |   |
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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of 01/11/06 ("Official Action") for which a Response was due 04/11/06, now extended three months to 07/11/06, the Applicants respond as follows:

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